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**UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON TO HOLD CITYLINKS '98,  
A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

DAYTON, Ohio — The Institute for Neighborhood and Community Leadership at the University of Dayton is sponsoring CityLinks '98, an annual neighborhood conference designed to help community leaders rebuild communities for the 21st century.

The weekend begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, in the Kennedy Union Ballroom on campus with a dinner and speaker. Joseph B. McNeely is the founder and president of the Development Training Institute, a nonprofit organization that helps area neighborhoods with redevelopment and community-based economic development. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person and \$25 for two people.

McNeely is nationally known for teaching and writing on the subject of neighborhood revitalization. He has taught at institutions such as John Hopkins University, Case Western Reserve and Portland State University.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Barrett dining room in Kennedy Union. The opening session begins at 8:30 a.m. with a panel discussion about finding new neighborhood leaders, getting them involved in issues and finding activities that help build the community. On the panel will be a group of Miami Valley leaders experienced in community development.

Workshops on youth development, neighborhood technology and rebuilding neighborhoods will be offered at 9:30 a.m. Topics will cover how to get youth involved in neighborhood development and how to encourage their leadership skills. Participants will discuss acquiring community-friendly technology and improving their decision-making techniques. Ideas about encouraging a faith-based community to help economic development and about helping individual economic needs will also be discussed.

"The University offers this kind of program to help the communities that need improvement with their leadership skills," said Dean Lovelace, community leadership consultant for INCLUD.

The conference brings together people from around the Miami Valley as well as students and faculty from the University.

For more information call the INCLUD office at (937) 229-4641.

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